

Senate Bill 612

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Goggans of the 7th, Williams of the 19th and Hooks of the 14th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 27-3-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the unlawful enticement of game, so as to change certain provisions relating to distributing or hunting in the vicinity of feeds; to provide for penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 27-3-9 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the unlawful enticement of game, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter any corn, wheat, or other grains, salts, apples, or other feeds or bait so as to constitute a lure or attraction or enticement for any game bird or game animal on or over any area where hunters are or will be hunting; provided, however, that is the prohibition of this subsection shall not apply and it shall be lawful to hunt deer within the vicinity of such feeds if the hunter is at least 200 yards away from and not within sight of the feed or bait.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by subsection (a) of this Code section or other law or regulation, it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any game bird or game animal upon, over, around, or near any place where any such feed or bait has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement to such birds or animals. It shall also be unlawful to hunt any game animal or game bird upon, over, around, or near any such place for a period of ten days following the complete removal of all such feed or bait.

(b.1) Any person violating subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$25.00; but, the provisions of Chapter 11 of Title 17 and any other provision of law to the contrary

1 notwithstanding, the costs of such prosecution shall not be taxed nor shall any additional
2 penalty, fee, or surcharge to a fine for such offense be assessed against a person for
3 conviction thereof."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.